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1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

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a. There was a discussion of the value of public opinion polls in foreign countries. If felt very strongly that they were valuable and regretted that USIA had discontinued them at the direction of the Secretary of State. He felt that something of this nature was necessary in order to balance the traditional political type of reporting. No conclusions were reached, but the subject probably will come up again, especially if we are asked to take over some of the programs which USIA is dropping.

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b. The Director discussed the proposed letter to Bobby Cutler concerning communications reciprocity, commenting that he was somewhat reluctant to recommend to Cutler that the Killian Committee be asked to look into this matter. However, after further discussion the consensus seemed to be that a command decision was involved here and no one was willing to see any group other than the Killian Committee investigate it. It was left that the Director would notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through that we were going to write this letter to Mr. Cutler and then telephone Cutler to tell him that we could not reach agreement within the Intelligence Community; presumably the letter may be revised as a result of the latter conversation. (I have advised

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3. General Cabell buzzed me concerning the case of He does not believe that there is any point in considering the employment of Mr in one of our 25X1A9a

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field offices nor in convening a Board which would merely give him a forum to air his grievances, etc. He is going to recommend to the Director that resignation be accepted and that if attempts to withdraw it he should be fired. 25X1A9a

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